

§ 707.4 Disappearance.

(a) In case any person otherwise eligible to receive payment disappears before receiving the payment, such payment may be made upon proper application therefor, without regard to claims of creditors other than the United States, to one of the following in the order mentioned:

- (1) The conservator or liquidator of his estate, if one be duly appointed.
- (2) The spouse.
- (3) An adult son or daughter or grandchild for the benefit of his estate.
- (4) The mother or father for the benefit of his estate.
- (5) An adult brother or sister for the benefit of his estate.

(6) Such person as may be authorized under State law to receive payment for the benefit of his estate.

(b) A person shall be deemed to have disappeared if (1) he has been missing for a period of more than 3 months, (2) a diligent search has failed to reveal his whereabouts, and (3) such person has not communicated during such period with other persons who would be expected to have heard from him. Evidence of such disappearance must be presented to the county committee in the form of a statement executed by the person making the application for payment, setting forth the above facts, and must be substantiated by a statement from a disinterested person who was well acquainted with the person who has disappeared.

§ 707.5 Incompetency.

(a) Where any person who is otherwise eligible to receive a payment is adjudged incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction before the payment is received, payment may be made, upon proper application therefor, without regard to claims of creditors other than the United States, to the guardian or committee legally appointed for such incompetent person. In case no guardian or committee has been appointed, payment, if not more than \$1,000, may be made without regard to claims of creditors other than the United States, to one of the following in the order mentioned for the benefit of the incompetent person:

- (1) The spouse.

(2) An adult son, daughter, or grandchild.

(3) The mother or father.

(4) An adult brother or sister.

(5) Such person as may be authorized under State law to receive payment for him (see standard procedure prescribed for the respective region).

(b) In case payment is more than \$1,000, payment may be made only to such person as may be authorized under State law to receive payment for the incompetent.

§ 707.6 Death, disappearance, or incompetency of one eligible to apply for payment pursuant to the regulations in this part.

In case any person entitled to apply for a payment pursuant to the provisions of § 707.3, § 707.4, § 707.5, or this section, dies, disappears, or is adjudged incompetent, as the case may be, after he has applied for such payment but before the payment is received, payment may be made upon proper application therefor, without regard to claims of creditors other than the United States, to the person next entitled thereto in accordance with the order of precedence set forth in § 707.3, § 707.4, or § 707.5, as the case may be.

§ 707.7 Form of application.

Persons desiring to claim payment in accordance with this part 707 may do so on Form FSA-325, "Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons Who Have Died, Disappeared, or Have Been Declared Incompetent". If the person who died, disappeared, or was declared incompetent did not apply for payment by filing the applicable program application for payment form, such program application for payment must also be filed in accordance with applicable regulations. If the payment is made under the Naval Stores Conservation Program, Part II of the Form FSA-325 shall be executed by the local District Supervisor of the U.S. Forest Service. In connection with applications for payment under all other programs itemized in § 707.1, Form FSA-325, and program applications for payments where required, shall be filed with the FSA county office where the person who earned the payment would have been required to file his application.